

## **Minutes of Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

### **El Paso County Fair Board Meeting**

**Board Members:** Lori Harfert, Sherry Bilodeau, Kate Watson,  
Gary Paul, Julie Woods, Pam Dawson, Sherry Bilodeau, Orbin  
Hall

**Associate Members:** Silas Kapphan, Mel Trafton, Amanda Sorrell, Grant Harris

**Staff:** Todd Marts, Janice Brewer, Dana Nordstrom, Adam Baker, Dayna  
Buffington, AmyJo Fields

**Guests:** Patrick Dawson, John Hill, Madyson Buhring, Michael Colombe,  
Becky Chamblin, Alison Ludwig, Wyatt Chamblin, Sonya Vandergriff, LaRoux Stone, Patty  
Woodard, Jonathan Vrabec

**Excused Absence:** Lou Taylor, Don Watts, Pam Dawson, Orbin Hall, Julie Woods

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lori Harfert at 6:32 p.m. Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was live in Swank Hall.

#### **Consent Calendar**

- A. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Gary Paul to approve the Minutes. Second by Julie Wood Motion carried.

#### **Public Comments**

Doug Watts with the Wagon Train wanted to give personal invitation to the Fair Queen to join the Wagon Train ride June 19-20. Also needed information about the car show.

Allison Ludwig needed information for cart inspection for fair.

#### **Information / Action Items**

- A. Fair Carnival Update – Dayna Buffington  
Original carnival could not get enough labor to cover until mid-week of Fair. New Vendor obtained. They will do a soft opening Friday night.
- B. 2021 County Fair Queen – Kate Watson/Pam Dawson  
Pam introduced the 2021 Fair Queen Madyson Burhing and presented her with her belt buckle.  
Kate reported on her first event and Madyson gave her winning speech.

C. Fair Queen Presentation – Lori Harfert

Lori presented Madyson her beautiful magnets for her truck.

Kate Watson presented Mayson with a beautiful jacket.

D. Fair Camping – Dayna

It was discussed that Superintendents that meet the requirement will get first choice of camp sites for fair camping. Motion made by Julie Woods to accept, second by Gary Paul. Motion carried.

### **Fair Board Committee Reports**

A. Facilities & Grounds – Mel Trafton

Mel gave a grounds report on the new pathway from south gate to Swink Hall

B. Fair Programming – Dayna Buffington

CSU is working a getting a STEM trailer, GE Johnson is looking at providing a pre-construction trailer for kids, Amazing Kids applications are starting to come in, CSU is hosting a Farmers Market / Cottage Foods, Ranch Rodeo coming back hosted by the Calhan Auction Barn, and we are looking at giving our Creative Arts participants an opportunity to sell products.

C. Vendors – Janice Brewer

Applications still available, 10% discount extended until June 30.

D. Sponsorship – Dana Nordstrom

Dana was happy to report that she has met the budget goal and actually exceed that. Record breaking sponsor support.

E. Marketing & Queen – Dayna Buffington / Kate Watson

Madyson did interviews with 4-H'ers, Creative Clover contest is in progress the clubs picked up their clover to decorate. Fair visitors will vote on the winning clover

Dayna and AmyJo discussed the Love Sculpture, Love my County Day – Wednesday's on Social Media, Back Pack give away at fair, new TV screens that will be installed in Swink Hall and the Livestock Arena Building, and our annual Fair Pins.

### **Miscellaneous Reports**

A. Fairgrounds Programming – Dayna Buffington

PBR Event Report

Reminder - Camping at the Fairgrounds scheduled for May 28-29.

Ducy Horse Training Kids Camp

Barrel Racing

B. Fairground Facility Use – Janice Brewer

Janice reviewed some of the upcoming events for May-June-July

C. Fairgrounds – Todd

Todd reported that the capacity cap has been lifted from the fairgrounds.

D. 4-H Program Update – Jonathan Vrabec

Jonathon gave updated information.

E. Board / Staff pictures taken.

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 16 – 6:30 p.m. – EPC Fairgrounds

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.